REMARKS

Claims 1-48, 52, 55 and 57-72 have been canceled without prejudice in order to place the application in condition for immediate allowance. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute these claims in a separate continuation application. Claims 49-51, 53, 54, 56 and 73-75 are thus currently the only claims pending in this application. Claim 51 has been amended to properly recite dependency from an apparatus claim instead of a method claim.

Claim Objections

Each of claims 30, 31 and 45 were rejected under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of another claim. Claims 30, 31 and 45 have been canceled.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 4-11, 16-18, 26, 28, 32, 33, 37, 39, 40, 47, 48, 52, 55, 58-72 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,853,055 to *Scanlon* in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,620,003 to *Sepponen*. Claims 1, 4-11, 16-18, 26, 28, 32, 33, 37, 39, 40, 47, 48, 52, 55, 58-72 have been canceled without prejudice.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 49-51, 53, 54, 56 and 73-75, which are the only claims remaining in this application, were previously allowed.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest and bona fide effort to place this case in immediate condition for allowance. A prompt Notice of Allowance will be appreciated.

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